

NCDOT BeRailSafe

BeRailSafe website <http://berailsafe.org/>

Rail Statistics

- Did you know that walking on or along railroad tracks without the consent of the railroad company is illegal, deadly and a Class 3 misdemeanor (NC General Statute, 14-280.1)? Always cross the tracks at a public crossing and look both ways to be sure a train is not coming.
- Approximately every 3 hours a person or car is hit by a train in the US.
- Only railroad employees are allowed on the railroad tracks and right-of-way.
- A train traveling at 55 mph takes more than a mile to stop. That's equal to 18 football fields!

Rail Safety Facts:

- Waxhaw has 8 highway-railroad crossings.
- 17 daily trains travel through Waxhaw at 40-50 mph.
- There are 72 highway-railroad crossings in Union County.

Driver Safety Tips

- Trains always have the right of way, even over police, fire and ambulance vehicles.
- Never stop your car on railroad tracks.
- If you stop to wait for a train at a traffic signal, always stop safely behind the white line.
- Never drive around lowered gates — it's illegal and deadly.

